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Fatal shooting at Virginia Tech

A gunman walked into a parking lot and killed a Virginia Tech police officer who was conducting a traffic stop on campus Thursday, state police said. The school was locked down for hours. Story, page 12.

Booze-test thresholds to change

Criminal charges could be avoided for readings under .1 Individuals would still face heightened administrative measures

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Challenges with convicting an accused driver who has only slightly exceeded the Criminal Code's specified level of alcohol impairment has led Alberta police to change their "warn" and "fail" ranges for roadside testing.

Prior to the introduction of legislation approved Tuesday—which will allow police to suspend for three days a first-time offender who provides a "warn" blood-alcohol reading — police services will recalibrate their machines, granting new options to drivers with a blood-alcohol level under .1

Currently, the machines are set so the "warn" range falls between .05 and .08. Soon, a software change will see those parameters altered to .06 and .099.

Any driver caught in the "warn" range have the option to accept the short-term suspension immediately or request further testing, where they run the risk of blowing over .08 and being charged criminally, confirmed Calgary police Sgt. Richard Butler.

"My understanding is they put that cushion in there for the simple reason that it wards off a potential (court) defence . . . the cops are doing their jobs here, but they need some more tools," Alberta Solicitor General Jonathan Denis explained Thursday.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson previously admitted convicting a driver with a reading below .1 is tough and frontline officers suggested to Metro last month that up to 25 per cent of impaired cases are ruled in favour of the accused.

"Are people getting the benefit of the doubt? Yes," said Edmonton police Const. Ian Brooks of the testing parameters.

Statistics provided by the B.C. Ministry of Transportation last month also indicate a sharp dropoff in the number of Criminal Code charges laid after enhanced administrative measures were introduced in that province last year.

In Calgary

▶ The Calgary Police Service will also be upgrading its district office blood-alcohol machines next month. The 120 machine at $650 apiece are believed to be as accurate as current models, which have been in use in Calgary since 1999, said Sgt. Richard Butler.

1 news

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More sexual assault allegations for ex-coach

RCMP in Prince Rupert are investigating accusations of sexual assault against a former Spruce Grove teacher who coached hockey in that B.C. community in the '80s and '90s.

Robert John Paolinelli, 42, was suspended with pay from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in October amid charges of sexual assault, sexual exploitation and forcible confinement. He has since resigned. Paolinelli also coached hockey in Alberta for a decade.

The new investigation involves a male teenager Paolinelli allegedly had contact with through Prince Rupert minor hockey, police said.

"To date, we have spoken to one young man who made the difficult decision to speak with investigators and we believe there may be others who were victimized by Paolinelli," RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said.

No charges have been filed in the latest allegations.

"We have to balance the amount of information we're permitted to release but also get the information out there to identify other possible victims," he said.

Gene Storey, president of the Prince Rupert Minor Hockey Association, said he knew of Paolinelli but had "never heard any concerns about this chap before."

Anyone with information is asked to call Prince Rupert RCMP at 250-627-0700.

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▶ EIA passengers mingle in the new Central Hall on Thursday, checking out shops and restaurants such as Tech on the Go and Houston Steaks & Ribs while waiting for their departing flights.

New airport shops, lounges make the going great

EIA's $656-million expansion continues through 2012 ▶ New shopping and dining at Central Hall are just past central security screening

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Passengers are spending more time at the Edmonton International Airport, and now they have more to do and enjoy while there.

The EIA officially unveiled the first phase of Expansion 2012 on Thursday — Central Hall, home to 12 shops and restaurants.

"People were telling us if they were going to be here, they wanted to be productive, they wanted to have fun," said Reg Milley, EIA president and CEO.

Houston Steaks & Ribs, Brioche Doree, iStore, Sunglass Hut, MEXX, Artizan and Kids Works are new, while Hudson News, Starbucks, Booster Juice, Indigospirit and Tech on the Go have relocated to Central Hall.

And a taste of Edmonton's Old Strathcona has been injected into the 1,500-square-metre space through storefronts, signs, lights and style of seating.

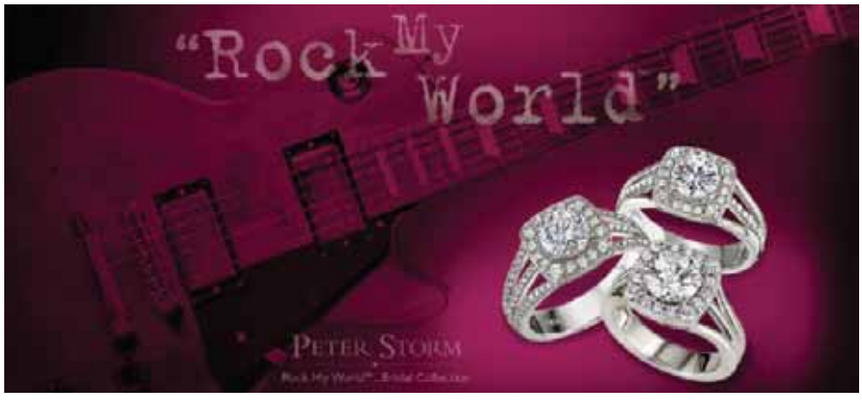
"You can actually forget you're at an airport until you look out the window," said Myron Keehn, EIA vice-president of commercial development.

Central Hall opened to passengers Tuesday, meaning it was new to Susan Loland on her way home to Grande Prairie on Thursday.

"I fly through here a lot," she said. "It gives me something to do. I'm on a three-hour layover right now."

Flying high

- **Central Hall** has added 400 new jobs, which will grow to 800 when the new terminal is completed.
- **Next to open** is the U.S. passenger lounge in February 2012, while the new terminal will fully open in July and August of next year.
- **The new NAV Canada** control tower and Marriott Hotel are slated to be finished next December.



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▶ A city councillor is urging others to support him as he lobbies for savings in the 2012 operating budget by bringing back a private contractor to run the city's photo-radar program.

Private contractor on councillor's radar

City representative questions cost-effectiveness of photo radar during budget talks

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Proposed additions and subtractions have been made to the 2012 operating budget, and one city councillor thinks savings can come from Edmonton's photo-radar program.

"We're in a really tough budget," Coun. Kerry Diotte said Thursday. "And we can save here. We've just got to look at a way to lower it."

Diotte would like to see a 20 per cent cut, trimming the $19.7 million program by $3.9 million.

5.2%

After approving a $2.74B capital budget, the proposed tax increase for 2012 sits at 5.2 per cent.

He needs to win support from fellow councillors but thinks a comparison with the program in Winnipeg should be enough proof.

Private company ACS runs photo radar there for $5 million annually and used to run it in Edmonton, but in 2007 the city and EPS took over, though ACS still processes the tickets.

"I understand an external contractor could do (it) ... for one third of the current costs — which includes bringing in brand new equipment," said Diotte. "Isn't this something we should look at?"

Meanwhile, motions tabled yesterday include putting flower planting, tree lighting and other proposed cut services back into the $1.86-billion operating budget, while discussions also surrounded cuts to 311 staffing and the fact each call costs $5.

Deliberations continue Friday.

Specialized eye-cancer treatment now available in Alberta

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Caroline Balcerzak calls Dr. Ezekiel Weis her guardian angel — one with wonderful timing.

Just as the 29-year-old was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer, Dr. Weis began treating patients at the Cross Cancer Institute with ocular brachytherapy, a tumour-destroying procedure that would've previously seen Balcerzak heading to Toronto or the U.S. for treatment.

"I can't express the peace of mind in having the treatment at home," she says. "You hear cancer and think you're done, but now I have hope this is just a small chapter in my life."

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▶ Dr. Ezekiel Weis

Weis says it was difficult and frustrating to be unable to do his work here at home.

"Until now, about half of all Alberta patients with uveal melanoma were having their eyes removed ... because they didn't want to face the stress and logistical hardship of travelling so far away," he says.

Treatment facts

- The treatment destroys the tumour while minimizing damage to the eye.
- Good vision is maintained in about 60 per cent of cases treated with the new therapy and radiation.
- Alberta Cancer Foundation provided $235,000 for equipment and operating costs — and ongoing costs are expected to be $110,000/ year.
- Annually, up to 32 patients will receive treatment at Cross Cancer Institute.

Revised trip planner launched

Edmonton Transit has revised its online trip planner for riders to better plan their routes.

New features include planned detour and bus-stop-closure alerts, a new layout and quicker results. METRO

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Crash claims Sherwood Park man

RCMP said a 32-year-old Sherwood Park man is dead following a crash in Peace River.

The collision, Thursday around midnight, involved a truck that had been reported stolen.

Drugs and speed are being considered possible factors. METRO

Peace officer accused of harassment

A Leduc peace officer faces harassment charges stemming from allegations by a female victim from 2010.

RCMP said Douglas Allan Atchison, 44, is charged with criminal harassment and will appear in court Jan. 19. METRO

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Life as a librarian

Inventory at the Stanley A. Milner Library changes on a day-to-day basis, but on Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m., there were 280,000 items.

About 3,800 people come to EPL's main branch downtown daily, taking out about 190 items — not including online checkouts

And that keeps librarians busy.

"They provide direct services at the desk or on the floor, but they're also involved a lot in the community with various local agencies," said Stanley A. Milner manager Virginia Clevette, at the head of the pack.

Librarians have a broader range of responsibility than knowing where you can find your favourite piece of fiction.

They create individual book lists and also are involved in planning and running film series, book talks, computer training, eReader training, as well as programs for new Canadians as well as people living in the inner city.

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▶ Virginia Clevette

Pages still turning at the Edmonton Public Library

- Popularity of eBooks growing, but no negative effect on use of books
- Expanding technology contributing to overall circulation increase

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Despite a surge in the use of eBooks at the Edmonton Public Library, paperbacks and hardcovers are still winning the hearts of readers.

"Books are our No. 1 used resource," said Pilar Martinez, executive director of public services. "But certainly we're prepared and anticipating the evolution of the book."

According to eServices director Peter Schoenberg, eBooks came on stream at the EPL in 2009 but gained traction last Christmas.

Now with an inventory of 10,000 eBook and audiobook titles, they're only growing in popularity.

In June 2009 there were 5,000 books checked out for every eBook. In June 2010 there were 500 books selected to borrow for every eBook, while 50 were checked out for every eBook in June of this year.

"But it's not that the usage of the book is tanking at all, it's the eBooks growing dramatically," said Schoenberg.

The year 2009 was a record year for the EPL, and overall circulation has grown 50 per cent in the last five years.

"Usage continues to grow," said Martinez, adding three libraries are undergoing renovations and two are scheduled for construction.

And all that space isn't needed to house eBooks, said Schoenberg, who is working to transfer to a system that would double the amount of electronic titles.

"Books are an incredible, timeless technology."

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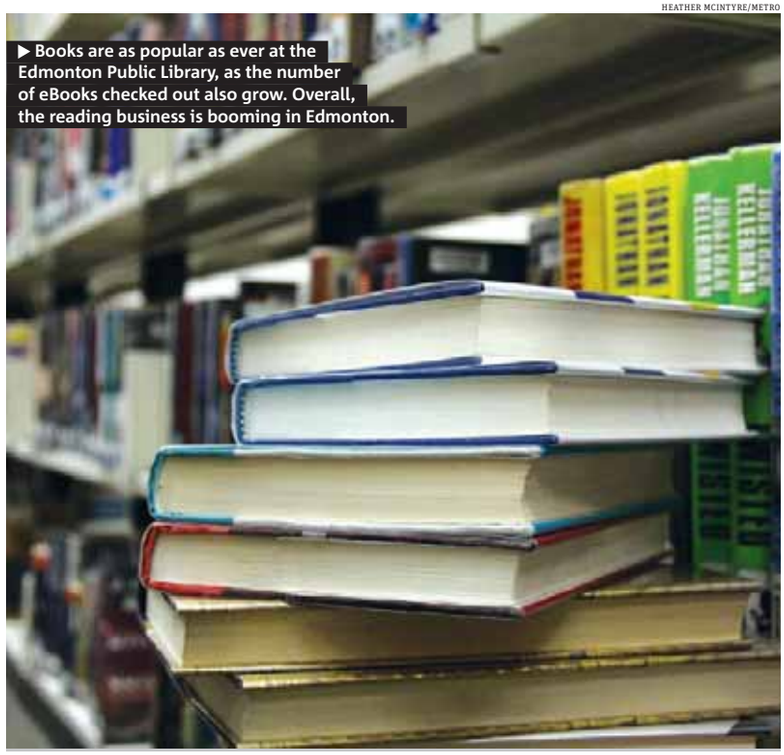

▶ Books are as popular as ever at the Edmonton Public Library, as the number of eBooks checked out also grow. Overall, the reading business is booming in Edmonton.

By the numbers

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The busiest EPL location is Whitemud Crossing, followed by Lois Hole and Millwoods.

49%

According to the Canadian Urban Library Council, EPL has 49 per cent higher usage per capita than the national average.

22

EPL is also ahead when it comes to visits per capita according to the Canadian Urban Library Council, said Pilar Martinez, with 22 per cent more than the national average.

19

There are currently 17 EPL branches with two to be constructed in conjunction with recreation centres over the next two years: The Meadows and Clareview.

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There are more than two million items available for borrowing through the Edmonton Public Library.

2

Two branches are loaning out eReader devices, something expected to reach other branches throughout 2012. HEATHER MCINTYRE

History of EPL

- The first Edmonton Public Library board was established in 1909, with the first libraries built in 1913.
- The Old Strathcona branch is the oldest of the EPL's existing 17 branches. It opened in 1913.
- The Stanley A. Milner Library, EPL's main branch, opened in 1967 and was originally named the Centennial Library.
- The library was renamed in honour of Stanley A. Milner, a former city councillor and library board chairman.

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Music helps mend men

- Breakout group helps men struggling with dependency at Hope Mission
- The choir, part of a recovery program, spreads Christmas cheer and faith

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Sober for the first time in years, Dwayne Bilau has much to sing about this Christmas.

And with the Hope Mission's Breakout Men's Choir, he's getting ample opportunity.

"In the beginning I really didn't want to. I didn't see myself in a choir," said Bilau, 50.

Part of the yearlong men's recovery program is mandatory choir participation.

"I tried recovery before and it never worked and I really didn't want to start over. I had two choices: I could kill myself ... or I could come back here," said Bilau.

Music has also inspired him to start writing creatively.

"One night the idea came to me to write a play. I think God inspired that actually, so I wrote a play about the beginning of breakout, and I named the play Are You Done Yet?"

Dec. 21 will mark the first time he's been consistently clean in 36 years.

"The first time I drank I was 11, and addiction really took hold at around 14," said Bilau, who attempted suicide twice, once ending in a coma.

Part of his recovery has been mending relationships, including with his children — and building new ones with fellow program members.

"You get pretty close, we all have the same goal and that's to stay clean and sober."

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

▶ Dwayne Bilau has found being part of the Hope Mission's Men's Breakout Choir has helped him fight addiction and is looking forward to Christmas for the first time in years.

History of Hope

- Hope Mission's men's breakout program has been around for almost 20 years, helping men from 18 and up break the cycle of addiction and find housing and jobs.
- The program, which also houses participants while in recovery, teaches recovery, job- and life-management skills, said Kelsey Strachan of the Hope Mission.
- The Horns of Hope drive accepts donated musical instruments for the breakout men's music program at the Hope Mission. For information visit hopemission.com

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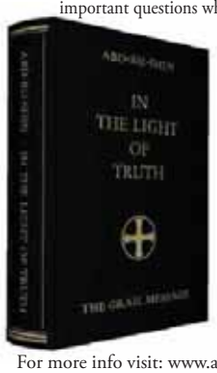

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WOUNDED MOUNTIES

Man charged in shootout

An Alberta man has been released from hospital and arrested on several charges following a shootout with RCMP.

Bradley Wayne Beaver, who is 38, faces three counts of attempted murder, two counts of endangering the life of a peace officer and several counts on weapons offences.

An RCMP emergency response team was called to a mobile home last weekend near Breton, southwest of Edmonton, following a report that a man had been shot.

A corporal suffered superficial wounds to his hand and shoulder, and is recovering at home.

A staff sergeant with more than 30 years of experience had surgery to remove a bullet from his shoulder and was to be released from hospital Thursday.

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Number of false cancer tests rises

21 Of the 34 tests, 13 badly underestimated the severity of the cancer while 21 missed the cancer altogether.

The number of men whose tests for prostate cancer were botched at an Edmonton hospital has risen to 34.

Health officials say the new figure was reached after investigators finished a review of all 159 lab samples analyzed by a pathologist at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

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What is a picture worth?

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▶ Help Portrait is providing a free photo session, along with the client's colour portrait, this Saturday at studios around town.

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Some people have never had their picture taken, or the last time they did, it was as a child in school.

It's a surprising but not uncommon story heard by those who volunteer for Help Portrait, a global one-day event that offers free portraits to single parents, and homeless and low-income residents.

Edmonton organizer Javier Salazar calls the event a direct way to help people in need. "It's not food or shelter, but it gives people dignity and hope," he said.

Sherwood Park photographer Lorraine Stephanyshyn remembers a homeless couple who owned nothing but two garbage bags of stuff, saying they'd never before been fussed over for a photo.

"It hit me hard that many never have what I take for granted," she said. "This portrait can be something to treasure."

Help Portrait offers coffee, pastries and a warm environment, says Salazar, followed by an hour of hair, makeup and professional snaps.

Customers walk away with an 8x10 photo in hand, and this year men can take away one of the 100 business suits donated by the John Howard Society.

Where to go

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Policeman killed at Virginia Tech

Gunman found dead in parking lot Campus was quieter as classes ended Wednesday

A gunman killed a Virginia Tech police officer Thursday at a campus parking lot and then apparently shot himself to death nearby in an attack that shook the university nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

Before it became clear that the gunman was dead, the school applied the lessons learned during the last tragedy, locking down the campus and using a high-tech alert system to warn students and faculty members to stay indoors.

The officer, identified late Thursday as 39-year-old Deriek W. Crouse, was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman – who was not involved in the traffic stop – walked into the parking lot and ambushed the officer. Police said they were still investigating whether the officer was specifically targeted.

The university said Crouse was an Army veteran and married father of five who joined the campus police force about six months after the 2007 massacre. He previously worked at a jail and for a sheriff's department.

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▶ A police officer secures the scene where a gunman killed a police officer after a traffic stop Thursday, on the campus of Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Va.

Shafia says he was a loving and lenient father

A man accused of killing his three daughters over family honour portrayed himself Thursday as a loving, benevolent and lenient father, even though his children were cruel to him.

The picture Mohammad Shafia painted of himself as he took the stand at his murder trial was in stark contrast to evidence the jury has heard from Crown witnesses. Court has heard that his children were afraid of him, begging authorities to remove them from the home, and that he cursed them as treacherous on wiretaps secretly recorded after their deaths.

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▶ Mohammad Shafia

What Shafia meant, when he was recorded on the wiretaps saying that even if the girls came back to life 100 times he would "do the same again," is that he would continue to give them good advice, he told court. Shafia and his wife, Tooba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have each pleaded not guilty to four counts of first-degree murder. They're accused of killing Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17 and Geeti Shafia, 13, and Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's first wife.

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Attawapiska on the hook for consultant

Reserve must pay federally appointed manager $180K

The federal government is forcing the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation to pay a private-sector consultant about $1,300 a day to run its finances — even though the government's own assessments say the third-party management system is not cost-effective.

Aboriginal Affairs officials told The Canadian Press they have an agreement to pay Jacques Marion of BDO Canada LLP a total of $180,000 to look after the reserve's accounts from now until June 30. The money comes from the Attawapiskat First Nation's budget.

That rate over the course of a year would run up to $300,000 and easily pay for at least one nice, solid house, notes Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Stan Louttit.

"And (Aboriginal Affairs) should pay for this over and above First Nations existing budgets," he said.

Instead, the band will soon find itself cutting off educational assistants and aides for special-needs children in order to scrape together the money to pay the consultant, said New Democrat MP Charlie Angus, whose northern Ontario riding includes Attawapiskat.

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▶ The remains of a Canadian flag can be seen flying over a building in Attawapiskat, Ont., on Nov. 29.

EXPLOITATION TARGETED

New child porn law puts onus on Internet providers

A new law aimed at curbing child pornography on the Internet is now in force.

The law requires Internet service providers to report tips they get about websites containing child porn.

They also have to tell police if they believe a child porn offence has been committed using their service.

Failure to comply carries fines ranging from $1,000 to $100,000 or jail time for repeat offenders.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says the exploitation of children by online sexual predators is a serious crime.

The government says the law balances privacy concerns with the need to tackle the issue.

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Co-workers claim $21M jackpot

A jovial bunch of co-workers from Penetanguishene, Ont., picked up a $21-million prize Thursday after winning a Lotto Max jackpot.

Each of the 12 mental-health workers, who range in age from 33 to 63 and said they were all great friends outside of work, will get $1.75 million from the Nov. 25 draw.

Most in the group said they would be returning to their jobs despite their new riches, although one or two plan to retire.

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No link between abortion, anxiety

Unwanted pregnancies, not abortion, trigger mental-health issues: Study

Abortion does not increase a woman's chance of developing mental-health problems, according to the largest study ever to investigate the issue.

Among women with unwanted pregnancies, those who had abortions were no more likely to suffer from problems including anxiety or depression than women who gave birth, the research review by the U.K.'s National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health found.

The research shows that abortion does not cause mental-health problems but raises a warning that officials must address the problem of unwanted pregnancy, said Dr. Tim Kendall, the centre's director. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ad. Backtrack

▶ This undated image shows a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board ad meant to warn young adults about the connection between heavy drinking and rape.

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Liquor board pulls rape ad

A spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board says the ad was pulled Wednesday after complaints that it blamed women for being victims.

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Tasteless tweet raises Russia's ire

Offending retweet of a post by United Russia ideologue has been removed from Medvedev's account

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▶ Russian President Dmitry Medvedev

President Dmitry Medvedev's affection for going online has turned off-colour after an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appeared on his Twitter account.

Medvedev's tweets are usually bland, such as congratulating victorious sports teams. So the post describing popular opposition figure Alexei Navalny as a sheep engaging in an unprintable sexual act sparked huge attention.

A Kremlin statement says the message, a retweet of a posting by United Russia party ideologue and former parliament member Konstantin Rykov, was posted by an unnamed member of the president's technical staff.

The post, late Tuesday, came on the second straight day of large demonstrations by protesters over the vote fraud seen in Russia's parliamentary election Sunday.

The post does not mention Navalny by name, but clearly refers to him, denouncing the phrase the "party of crooks and thieves" that Navalny popularized on his blog to characterize United Russia,.

Navalny was arrested Monday on the first night of protests in Moscow and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

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TWEET CHILD O' MINE

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1 **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra:** Classical music went all hip when Tourism Calgary and CPO, as part of its vocal warmup to a new season, asked followers on Twitter to tweet their advice for staying toasty this winter. CPO assembled the best 20 tweets, set them to an offbeat compilation version of O Fortuna, and posted their performance, Singing Tweets, to YouTube. It is believed to be the first professional Twitter chorus ever created. A tweetorus.

2 **Heroes exhibit:** Inspired by his nephew, who overcame brain cancer, artist/gallery owner Mark Gleberzon has launched an exhibit, Heroes: Real, Fictional and Close to Home, which runs through Dec. 31 at his MJG gallery in Toronto. It features works by 16 artists who have interpreted the theme "heroes," from comic book superheroes to soldiers who have given their lives to cyclists as heroes juxtaposed against city traffic. Inspiring.

3 **Canada's first Free Shipping Day:** Mark next Monday, Dec. 12 on your calendar as that's the day Free Shipping Day comes to Canada. Taking a page from the popular U.S. Free Shipping Day, it allows you to snap up last-minute deals from online merchants (see freeshippingday.ca for participating merchants) and receive free shipping with delivery by Christmas Eve. Yes, sick days and surfing online should be way up come next Monday.

4 **New Year's Eve movie:** Garry Marshall's new romantic comedy New Year's Eve opens this Friday, about love and lust on New Year's in Time Square. It stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Hilary Swank, Jessica Biel, Ashton Kutcher, Zac Efron, Halle Berry, Robert De Niro and more. As Ellen said on her show this week, "Literally everyone in the world is in this movie." In other words, this New Year's Eve better not be a bust.

5 **Own the Green Bay Packers:** They're coming off a Super Bowl win last year, and are unbeaten this year. So now is a great time for the publicly owned Green Bay Packers to set up a site PackersOwner.com, that allows Cheeseheads to buy "common stocks" (they're $250 per share) in their storied franchise. You'll be sent a 12-inch-by-8-inch certificate so that "you will be able to display your ownership with pride," according to the site. Xmas gift. In.

6 **Top trending topics:** What the Trend, Hootsuite's trend-spotting company, evaluated more than 200,000 Twitter hashtags to determine the top trending topics of 2011. The likes of Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Britney Spears are a few of the celebrities that made the Top 10. Thankfully, Kim Kardashian wasn't on this list. She should be on a Not Ever Trending Again list with Paris Hilton.

7 **G N' R:** With news that seminal rock band Guns N' Roses are among those being inducted into the Rock and Roll of Fame in 2012, comes new rumours of a possible reunion. I prefer to leave their Appetite For Destruction album in 1987 in high school, and not see a bloated Axl Rose ever take the stage again with Slash to perform Sweet Child O' Mine. Like rugger pants, some things really are better left in the past.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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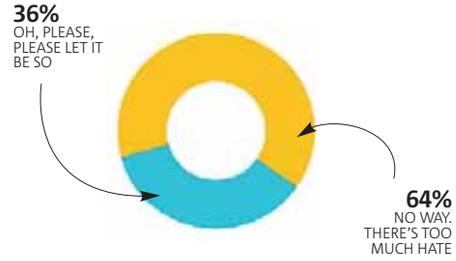
Do you think Slash and Axl will share the stage at the G N'R Hall of Fame induction?



Local tweets

- **@arc_pic:** Where can I get a nice Xmas tree in #yeg? (not save on, Safeway, etc)
- **@DanTencerBlows:** Why do the majority of drivers in #yeg rely so much on the lines on the road and in parking lots? Brains disappear with the lines in winter.
- **@w_izzard:** Love is better than Hate--Good beats evil---having an acitve twitter account means you never have to eat alone :) #yeg #yegdt #happyendings
- **@Wittmeier:** On the #yeg scanners: The annual "fire on the apartment roof" 9-11 calls have begun. Vented air + Red lights do not equal a fire, folks.
- **@Jadeakuira:** Holy batman!! 3 1/2 hours later and the meetings finally done!!! #work #yeg
- **@kelvsc:** Holy crap -- first time leaving the office at 5pm since the summer. SO DARK #yeg
- **@barclaysound:** Christmas shopping all done! #yeg
- **@ScottSchweiger:** I think I'm going to start a #PonziScheme !!! Any investors? #yeg

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What's she staring at?

Fan of the bra goes a-bungee

LONDON. She got her eyes on the prize. This female bungee jumper and self-confessed lingerie fanatic took the plunge in front of a huge projection of model Adriana Cernanova at London's landmark Battersea power station on Wednesday. The jump was to launch the new Ultimate Plunge bra by Wonderbra. METRO WORLD NEWS

"I would have never done this for pure pleasure. I only did it because I won the competition!"
HEIDI SPEED, COMPETITION WINNER

'Bungee jump? That's a prize?!'

FEAR. Heidi, 29, mother of two, was one of three women who won an online competition to do the bungee jump. "I honestly didn't know what the prize was when I entered the competition," Heidi told Metro. "I was really nervous at the top, but a guy talked to me in a calm voice and told me it would be OK." METRO WORLD NEWS

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OILSANDS DEVELOPMENT

Joslyn mine gets approval

The federal government has given the green light for the Joslyn oilsands mine project to go ahead, six years after Total E&P Canada first proposed it.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said Thursday that construction can now begin on the mine near Fort McMurray, Alta.

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China court rejects Apple lawsuit

A court in southern China has rejected a claim by Apple Inc. that a Taiwanese-owned company has infringed its iPad trademark, a ruling that could threaten U.S. company's sales of its tablet computer in the country.

The court said on its website that it dismissed a lawsuit on Monday by Apple against Shenzhen Proview Technology over the ownership of the iPad trademark.

The court has ruled that the Shenzhen company is not bound by a 2009 agreement that its Taiwanese affiliate made with Apple to transfer the trademarks.

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Yahoo wins $627M in scam case

Yahoo says it has won a $627 million court judgment in a scam that tried to dupe people into believing they had won prizes in a bogus lottery sponsored by the Internet company.

A New York federal court issued the default judgment on Monday. Collecting judgments in such cases can be a frustrating and fruitless exercise because online swindlers are often difficult to find.

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Economy at risk from Euro crisis, BoC says

Potential for 'adverse shock' increased: Bank of Canada

Canadians need to start worrying about the worsening debt mess in Europe and its ability to hit hard in this country, the Bank of Canada warned Thursday in its semi-annual financial stability review.

"The (bank's) governing council judges that the risks to the stability of Canada's financial system are high and have increased markedly over the past six months," the central bank stated.

"Since June, the global retrenchment of risk associated with the European crisis has indeed resulted in a significant correction in the prices of equities and other risky assets, as well as a widening of credit spreads in Canada."

Frankly, the bank said, measures currently undertaken to bring the European debt crisis under control "have repeatedly fallen short of what is needed."

On Wednesday night, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty poured cold water on an unconfirmed report that G20 nations would funnel $600 billion US to Europe through the International Monetary Fund.

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Market moment

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Google. Groundbreaking

▶ Hong Kong government representatives and Google officials pose during the groundbreaking ceremony of Google's new data centre in Hong Kong on Thursday.

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Engineering an Asian expansion

Google says it will spend $300 million on a new data centre in Hong Kong. The facility will be up and running by 2013, as the tech company beefs up infrastructure to keep pace with rapidly rising Internet use across Asia.

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Coca-Cola keeps secret formula at arm's length

Beverage maker said a vault containing drink's formula will be on display **Formula will remain secret**

The Coca-Cola Co. has made its secret formula the centrepiece of a new exhibit at its corporate museum, ditching the confines of the bank vault where the list of ingredients had been stored since 1925.

A new vault containing the formula will be on display for visitors to its World of Coca-Cola museum in downtown Atlanta. However, the formula, which dates back to 1886, will remain hidden from view.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola said the decision to move the formula from a vault at SunTrust Banks Inc. had nothing to with the bank's decision in 2007 to begin selling its long-held stake in Coca-Cola.

The bank, which provided underwriting services to Coca-Cola when it went public in 1919 and received some of Coca-Cola's first publicly traded stock, at one time held more than 48 million Coca-Cola shares.

"The time has come for our secret formula to come back home," said CEO Muhtar Kent.

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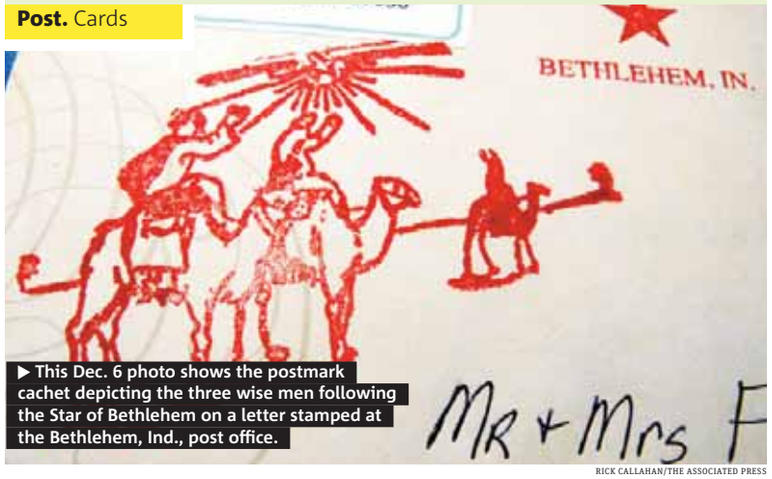
Fancy Exhibit

Coca-Cola is all about marketing, and that was on full display at the museum Thursday.

- **Attendees watched a** video of Kent placing a metal box, which the company says contains the formula, inside a five-foot-high safe several days ago and locking it.
- **A cylindrical room contains** a giant vault with a keypad and a hand-imprint scanner. Coke officials wouldn't say if the keypad and scanner were for show or were security measures.

Post. Cards



▶ This Dec. 6 photo shows the postmark cachet depicting the three wise men following the Star of Bethlehem on a letter stamped at the Bethlehem, Ind., post office.

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Traditional cards may not survive cuts

For decades, the post office in this little town of Bethlehem has been the Christmas destination for thousands of cards from around the world, each seeking a red-inked imprint depicting the three wise men following a star. The stamps could soon be a Christmas memory with the shutdown of about a half-dozen locations with Christmas-themed names.

High hopes for Africa

Virgin Atlantic billionaire Richard Branson sat in a car for two hours on Thursday, snarled in Nairobi's maddening traffic while trying to reach a conference where business leaders discussed the barriers to commercial success in Africa.

The continent's roadways — not surprisingly —were near the top of the complaints from participants in the daylong event. One investor noted that in order to ship her goods from West Africa to East Africa her products had to transit through Europe.

Africa appears poised on the edge of a business boom and its leaders predict high returns for international investors. But hurdles remain, including corruption by politicians and other government workers, access to reliable high-speed Internet, unreliable electricity and, yes, the continent's poor highway infrastructure.

Branson said the leaders of African countries must be above corruption, or it will ricochet down to the police and customs agents. But he remains optimistic about the continent's future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Synopsis

It's Dec. 31 and we follow the stories of Robert De Niro as a terminally ill man; Halle Berry as his kindly nurse. Then there's odd couple Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron, anxiety-ridden Hillary Swank, ex-lovers Katherine Heigl and Jon Bon Jovi and even Ryan Seacrest pops up playing — who else? — himself. Have we left anyone out? Probably. There are more stars here than in the heavens, but rest assured, by the end of the movie, stories have woven together and no hearts are broken.

Ratings:
Richard: ½
Mark: 🌐

HANDOUT

▶ Josh Duhamel gets a last-minute adjustment in the film New Year's Eve.

Dropping the ball?

Impressive collection of stars in New Year's Eve ▶ But film devoid of real emotion

Reel Guys
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Richard: Mark, this mishmash of easy sentiment, romance, illness, musical numbers and product placement flip-flops from story to story so often, it's like a five-year-old grabbed the remote and is wildly channel surfing. It's not so much a movie as it is a cavalcade of familiar names in situations geared to make you understand why everybody hates Dec. 31. Am I being too cynical?

Mark Breslin: Oh, Richard, what's the matter with you? You mean you don't like shoddy writing, implausible plot lines, cameos masquerading as script development, and a general tone of emotional manipulation? The movie screams "BOGUS" from the opening "inspiring" shots of the Statue of Liberty to the hack credit roll outtakes.

You know what's odd? I kind of liked Valentine's Day, the earlier, funnier, more touching version of this Garry Marshall shmaltzfest. Here's a challenge: did you find anything to like?

RC: Well... let me see. I thought Zac Efron was passably charming and a couple of the outtakes at the end are funnier than anything contained in the actual movie. But there are Walmart commercials with more real emotion than director Gary Marshall manages to bring to this manipulative mess.

MB: And I didn't mind the scenes between Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele. Trapped in an elevator, at least the movie slows down long enough for a few real moments to break through. And Larry Miller was funny as the tow truck operator.

But back to the travesties: Russell Peters hiding behind an accent he swore he'd never do; Michelle Pfeiffer's stupid bucket list; Robert DeNiro's bathetic hospital scenes; but the worst was Hilary Swank's "love" speech to the assembled Times Square multitude.

I've lived in New York, and believe me, the crowd wouldn't have applauded politely — they would have hurled obscenities at her. Which would have been a much better scene!

RC: It certainly is a New York-centric flick. Even NYC mayor Bloomberg gets into the action.

By the time he kicks off the New Year's Eve countdown with the words, "Let's drop the ball," its already abundantly clear that Garry Marshall already dropped the ball with this movie.

MB: Very funny, Richard!

I think a better version of the movie would have been scenes of Garry Marshall convincing all those Hollywood stars to work for a fraction of their rate card.

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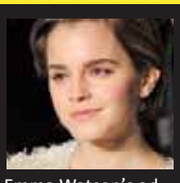
Scene in brief



Emma Watson's advice to teenagers is: "feel comfortable in your own skin." The 21-year-old Harry Potter star, on her second visit to Hong Kong, told reporters Thursday: "Be true to who you are and do the best to feel comfortable in your own skin. You are all right exactly as you are."
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Downey dusts off his deerstalker

Established actor reprises his role as Sherlock Holmes in sequel

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Robert Downey Jr. knows how to work a room. I notice this while at the swank-a-delic Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills for a press conference to celebrate the release of Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows.

It's a packed panel, including co-stars Noomi Rapace (the original Girl With the Dragon Tattoo) and Jared Harris, mega producer Joel Silver and Downey's business and life partner Susan. Between them there are untold Oscar nominations and hundreds of millions in box office returns, but that doesn't mean squat when Downey enters and takes centre stage.

HANDOUT

▶ Robert Downey Jr.

All eyes — and 90 per cent of the questions — go to him. Midway he feigns embarrassment at the attention and says, "Why doesn't someone ask Joel Silver a question?"

Why? Because Downey is the most quotable, funny and memorable person in the room, that's why.

Here's what he said.

On making sequels:
"There should be a whole online support team for anyone who has ever been involved in making a second part to a first that worked. There is so much to learn. The greatest disguise was us disguising ourselves as consummate by-the-numbers professionals when, in fact, we're all incredibly eccentric."

When asked to talk about performing Sherlock Holmes's drag scenes:
"I guess we're not talking about this as one of the most important films of the year. I put on some make-up. How are we going to get nominated with these kinds of questions?"

On improving on set:
"I think the goal is to make a well-written scene seem improvised, or to find things in the room you couldn't have known until you get in the real situation and just try and improve things as you go along."

On why his co-star was absent:
"Jude (Law) would have been here, by the by, but his son had a soccer game."

On keeping the set "green":
"I just remember that every animal that was harmed was promptly taxidermied and sent as a gift to one of the many ecological companies who have these huge concerns that I validate."

On working with Jude Law and director Guy Ritchie:
"Jude and I are pretty close, but Guy and I are practically brothers. There have been times I have wanted to lob off his head with a machete."

On collaborating with his director and fellow actors:
"It was a democracy in the truest and most frustrating and most rewarding sense of the word."

Movie reviews | See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

The Sitter
Genre: Comedy
Director: David Gordon Green
Stars: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell
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In The Sitter, Jonah Hill plays a likeable, albeit contemptuous drop-out reluctantly babysitting three even more disdainful kids.

But when his hideous girlfriend lures him to score her cocaine, the night turns into a crass journey of misadventures.

Simply put, The Sitter plays solely as a vehicle for Hill to perform the chubby-guy-talking-trash shtick he's mastered since Superbad.

If that works for you, sit tight and enjoy him in his pejorative prime.

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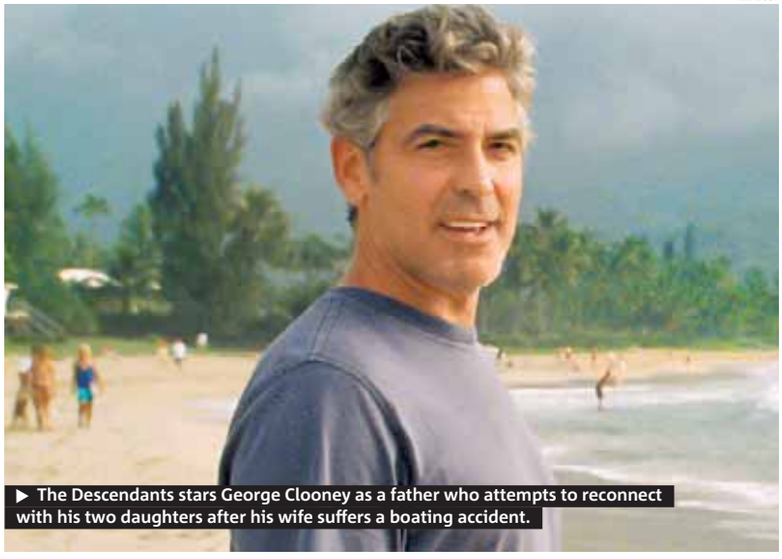

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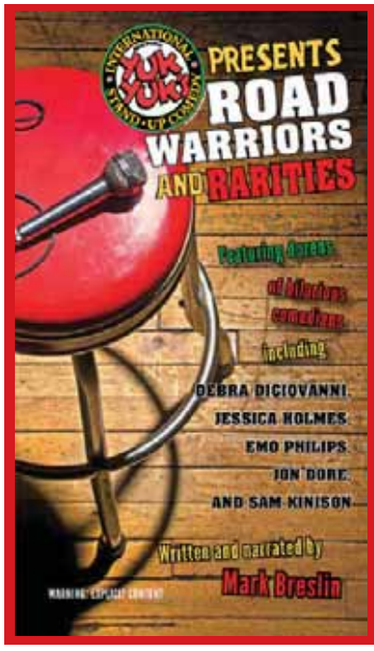

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Who's Fascinating to Barbara Walters

Who's been naughty, who's been nice: Walters chats to 10 of the most prominent news-makers of 2011

On her new TV special, Barbara Walters gets up close and personal with Donald Trump.

Maybe too personal.

"We started with his hair," confides Walters. "He said, 'Pull it and you can see that it's not a hairpiece.' So I did. And I still think it's a hairpiece."

Trump — the follically perplexing reality star, businessman and sometimes presidential candidate — is on Walters' list of The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2011, which airs on ABC on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. EST. It's the 19th annual compilation of the year's most prominent names in entertainment, sports and popular culture.

Walters says she questioned Trump on his year of political adventures, which included commandeering the "birther" bandwagon by stoking doubt about U.S. President Barack Obama's U.S. citizenship, and by teasing voters with the prospect of his stepping into the presidential race as a Republican candidate (Trump, of course, then opted not to take the leap).

"But he still is talking about running," Walters says. "He told me, 'If the Republicans pick the wrong person, if the economy continues to be bad, I would certainly consider running as an independent.'"

Other Fascinating People include talent-show baron Simon Cowell, pop singing sensation Katy Perry and New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, who tells Walters that he'd like to own an athletic team.

"I told him, 'You're making a lot of money. You could buy one,'" reports Walters. "And he says, 'Great. I'll buy one with you.' We made a deal."

Also on board are Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the loving on-screen couple from ABC's comedy hit Modern Family, and the Kardashian reality TV family.

Other Fascinating names include Pippa Middleton, dishy sister of British royal Kate, and Amanda Knox, the former Seattle exchange student whose four years in custody ended in October when an Italian court overturned her murder conviction in the death of her roommate.

Walters calls the show "exciting, because it was fun to do. And these were easy interviews. There was no pulling teeth."

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Kardashian insight

Walters offers an explanation for all the popularity that's been showered on celebrities like the Kardashians who readily admit they have no talents worth celebrating.

"They're pretty women, they're glamorous and they don't know private from public," Walters says. "And they're part of a family — one for all and all for one — that people relate to."

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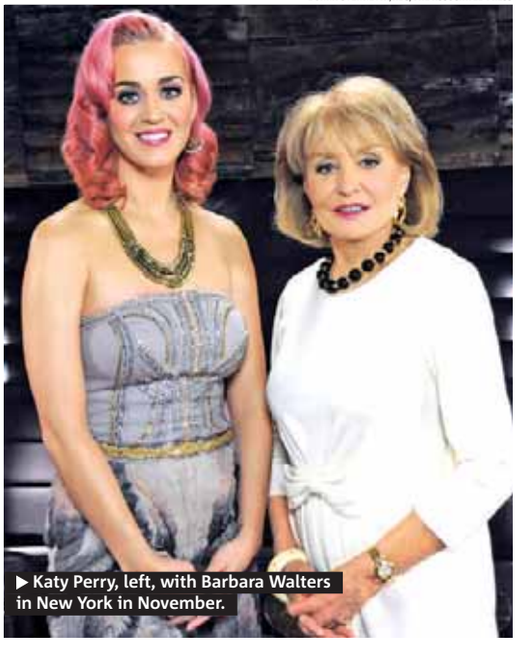

Katy Perry, left, with Barbara Walters in New York in November.

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Kardashian's choice

Kris Jenner to help pick next Miss America ▶ Winner based on talent, looks and interviewing skills — remember Miss South Carolina Teen USA anyone?

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▶ Kris Jenner

Kardashian matriarch Kris Jenner is on a panel of seven judges who will pick next year's Miss America during a pageant in January in Las Vegas.

Jenner, a star of cable reality show Keeping Up With the Kardashians, will join Meet the Parents actress Teri Polo and ABC's lifestyle anchor Lara Spencer on the panel announced Wednesday.

Also judging the pageant will be Dancing With the Stars dancer Mark Ballas, The Bachelor executive producer Mike Fleiss, Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition host Chris Powell and Raul de Molina, a former photographer and host of Univision entertainment news show El Gordo y la Flaca.

The pageant's finals are scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino and will air live on ABC.

The judges will interview the state contestants and judge them in preliminary competitions during the week leading up to the pageant, eventually picking a winner based on looks, talent and interviewing skills.

This year's winner, Teresa Scanlan of Nebraska, won at age 17 and is the youngest Miss America since the pageant implemented age limits in 1938.

The pageant will be hosted by The Bachelor host Chris Harrison, who's at the start of a two-year deal hosting the competition.

Miss America started in 1921 as a bathing revue.

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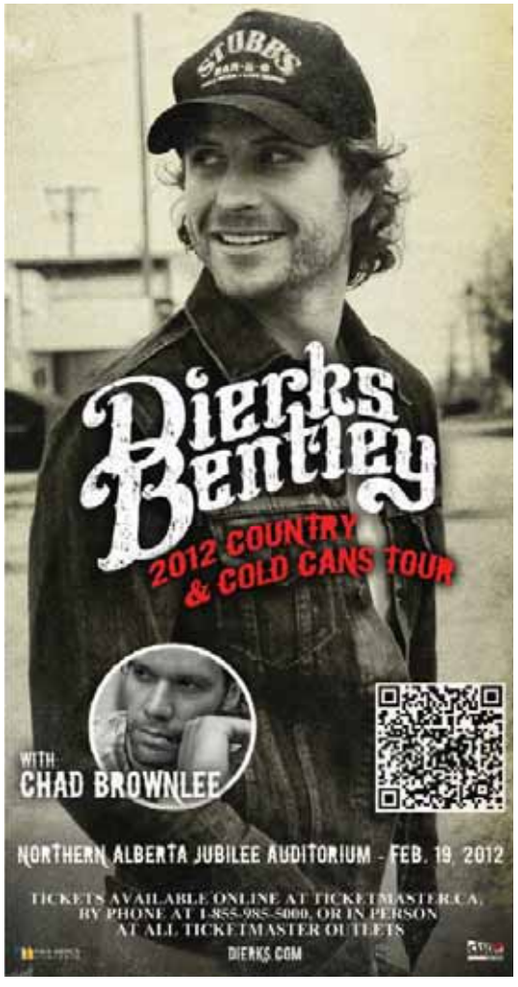
$45M Miss America Organization touts itself as the country's largest provider of scholarships to young women, giving more than $45 million last year.



Lohan's shoot leaks

Lindsay Lohan to appear on Ellen to officially unveil her Playboy cover

The cover of Lindsay Lohan's issue of Playboy has leaked a week ahead of its unveiling, according to Hollyscoop.

The vintage-themed cover features a naked Lohan straddling a red chair in the shape of the Playboy bunny logo that strategically blocks certain parts of her body.

"The pictorial is absolutely fantastic and very tasteful, and will be accompanied by an interview that will let readers see another side of Lindsay," her rep has said of the magazine's content.

Lohan is still set to appear on Ellen DeGeneres' show next week to officially unveil the issue and give her first interview since violating her parole.

She is rumoured to have received $1 million for the shoot. METRO

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Lindsay Lohan will bare it all — this time for money.

Talking points

Nothing Wilde to see here

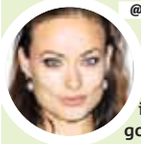
RELATIONSHIPS. While Olivia Wilde has maintained that her love life is pretty quiet despite reports to the contrary, sources now say she's been dating Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis — and apparently has been for a while, according to Us Weekly.

"She's come to the studio at Rockefeller Center, and they've gone out to dinner after rehearsals," a source says, adding that "they walked in holding hands" at the show's most recent after-party. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@jasonsegal

"When I got my house the cable guy said "oh man, you bought the crazy house. This house makes people go crazy. All the cable guys know that"



@oliviawilde

"sometimes i have good ideas, like going to see the Black Keys. and then sometimes i decide to eat dinner while watching Contagion. doh."

@AlbertBrooks

"It seems Alec Baldwin quit Twitter. His followers are welcome here, but prepare to martyr yourself when I ask."

Is Lauer out at Today? Could Seacrest replace him?

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Rumor has it that NBC Universal is courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer on the Today show next year. Although Lauer hasn't announced his retirement, he has hinted at it quite seriously, and NBC wants someone big to replace him. And it's starting to look like that someone is our generation's version of Dick Clark. The Wall Street Journal announced the news of the courting on Thursday but so far NBC is keeping mum on the speculation.

Here's the thing: Seacrest is an amazing entertainer and host and deserves all the success that comes with his self-made media empire. But does the guy have the chops to report on something as heavy as, say, terrorist attacks? He's too tan. Too involved in the Kardashians. Too smiley.

But maybe that's me just being a Hollywood-ist. And maybe what the show needs is Seacrest interviewing a head of state and then ending it with his trademark, "Seacrest, out!"

What do you think about this possible job move?

Write in to let me know.

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Nordic super diet

Sweden is considered one of the world's healthiest nations. The Swedish diet consists of lots of heart-healthy fish, such as salmon and herring and high-fibre, dark and dense breads. Also popular is dairy, which has high amounts of calcium, helping with fat metabolism, says celeb fitness trainer Harley Pasternak. METRO

O, tannenbaum, what have you wrought? Live, artificial tree marketers exchange barbs.

Drinking like it's 1999

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I saw Prince in concert last week and while I'm not sure if it was his out-of-control funkfest (hello, the guy is 53!) or having drinks after the show with a female friend who looks even better than she did in college, I can testify that some things do get better with age.

Wines can be a lot like that, but not always. Most mid-priced vino is drank within 48 hours of leaving the shelf so many winemakers design their juice to accommodate immediate drinking.

That doesn't mean your local liquor store won't have bottles you can squirrel away. Reds are best bets. Those from France's Burgundy and Bordeaux regions, bigger-bones Spaniards, Italians from Tuscany, and California cult wines make good candidates for the cellar.

Italy's 2007 Ruffino Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico ($22.95 - $34.99) comes from a spectacular year and though it will taste great with pasta today, with its dense core of dark cherry fruit, anise and light herbal spice it will age nicely over the next ten years. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Catch of the week

While you have more free time on weekends, the kitchen may be the last place you want to spend it ▶ This simple fish dish is the perfect quick meal

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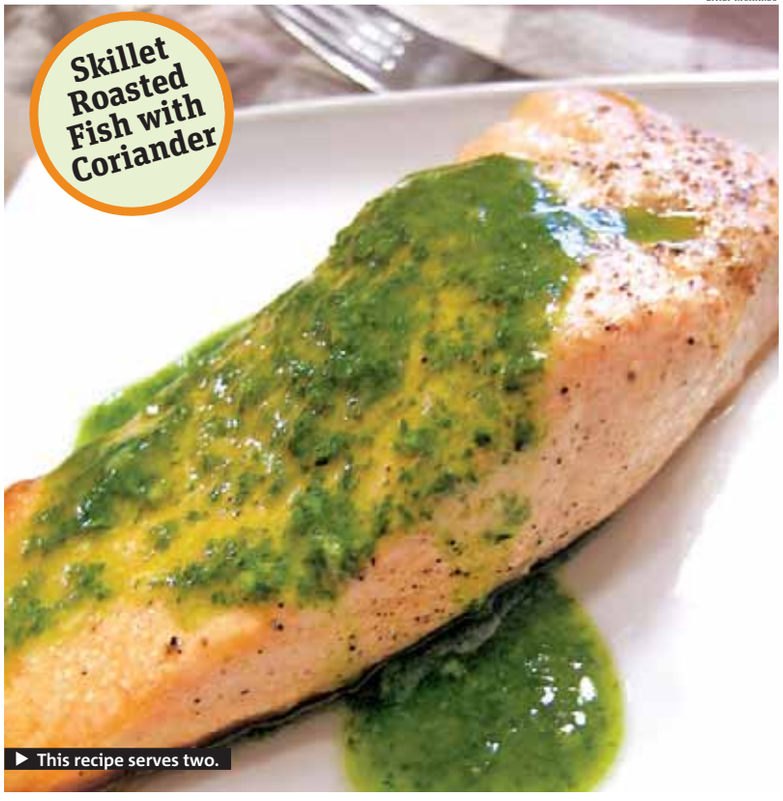

▶ This recipe serves two.

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For this dish, using salt in the skillet instead of oil helps to create heat.

It also allows you to cook with no added oil in the pan.

The salt is a essentially a hot bed in which to cook the salmon, and help the fish skin cook directly onto the salt for easy removal.

Skillet Salt Roasted Fish with Coriander Drizzle Preparation:

1. In a skillet, spread kosher salt in a single layer and place it over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes or until the salt is hot to the touch.
2. Place the salmon fillets on top and brush tops with some of the oil. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover the skillet and cook for about 15 minutes or until firm to the touch. Remove the fish from heat and keep it covered for 3 minutes.
3. Remove the fish from the salt with spatula, leaving skin on salt.
4. In a blender, purée cilantro, garlic and remaining oil until it is smooth and add vinegar. Pour the mix over the salmon and sprinkle it with smoked salt to serve.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) Kosher salt
- 2 salmon fillets, skin on (about 12 oz/375 g total)
- ¼ cup (50 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) white wine vinegar or lime juice
- Pinch smoked salt

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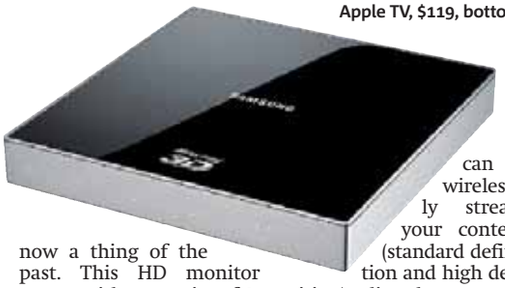
gift guide

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron, $3,299, left, Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player, $349, below, Apple TV, $119, bottom.



Channel your Holiday spirit

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Going out to see a movie is always nice, but bringing that theatre experience home is something you can enjoy year-round. If you were really good this year, maybe Santa will spruce up that aging home theatre for you.

Here are our picks to help you bring the cinematic experience home for the holidays.

55-inch LG Cinema 3-D LED TV — $1,599

As the technology matures, the price of 3-D TVs continues to drop. You don't have to break the bank this holiday season in order to put a 3-D TV under the tree. LG sets itself apart from the rest by offering passive 3-D technology in its Cinema series televisions. The glasses are cheap, lightweight and much easier on the eyes than traditional 3-D glasses. The TV comes loaded with useful apps such as Netflix so you will be guaranteed to have something to watch after you are done opening all the presents!

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron — $3,299

If you think bigger is better then look no further than the 70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron. This LED TV is ideal for those who want a large picture but don't have the appropriate setup for a projector. Sharp's Quattron technology adds a fourth (yellow) pixel into the mix for more vivid yellows and more vibrant blues. A matte screen also ensures glare from light sources is reduced. You can also purchase this television in an incredibly large 80-inch model.

24-inch PlayStation 3-D LED Display — $499

The first PlayStation branded monitor! This display will change the way you game. Say goodbye to split screen! SimulView technology filters out your opponent's screen so two players can play the same game at the same time yet only see their own full screen action. Cheating is now a thing of the past. This HD monitor comes with two pairs of 3-D glasses, HDMI cable and Motorstorm Apocalypse for the PS3.

Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player — $349

A small but mighty Blu-ray player! In fact, it's not much larger than a Blu-ray disc! This player features 2D-to-3D Up Conversion, so even your old Blu-ray movies can be viewed in 3-D. Connect your device to your wireless network and open up even more features such as apps, wireless streaming or the playback of various types of video, music, and image files via the USB port. One of the nicest features has to be the Ultra-Fast Play, which brings you to the main screen of your movie in just three seconds from the time you insert the disc.

Apple TV — $119

Stream your purchased iTunes content directly to your television. HD movies, TV shows and music can now all be enjoyed on the big screen. Have an iPad, iPod Touch or iPhone? You can wirelessly stream your content (standard definition and high definition) directly to your Apple TV through Apple's AirPlay technology. Of course, you can also use Apple TV to access Netflix, YouTube, Vimeo and live Major League Baseball games.

LG Smart TV Upgrader — $99.99

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Sony Personal 3-D Viewer — $799

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Big Bang for the cinephile

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Motion pictures: The gift that keeps on giving.

To a true Hollywood devotee, though, regular old DVDs rarely cut it. They are nowhere near comparable to the Mega-Platinum Everything-But-The-Kitchen-Sink box sets that seem to come out around the same time snow starts piling up at our doorsteps.

This year is no exception, of course, so with that, keep these bona fide flicks in mind when looking for something to turn your film freak starry-eyed this holiday season.

Current

Harry Potter: The Complete Eight-Film Collection
Warner

A full decade and eight feature films into this legacy, few need introduction to the bespectacled wizard and his spellbinding saga. However, even with latest series-capper Deathly Hallows only coming out recently, Warner announces that as of Dec. 29, all Harry Potter films will disappear from store shelves. While you have presumably been building your collection since 2001 debut The Philosopher's Stone, grab The Complete Eight-Film Collection fast, before even magic can't bring it back.

Classic

Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory 40th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition
Warner

With a title that long, it has to be great. Yes, we are all familiar with the inimitable Roald Dahl tale as performed by Gene Wilder, yet when packed with multiple extras in a double-wide numbered gift set, who can resist? We will all feel like Veruca Salt pining for the hours of extras, including a fresh director interview, Dahl featurette, 144-page production book reprint and — most importantly — a retro Wonka Bar-shaped tin box with scented pencils and eraser.

Cartoon

Mr. Magoo — The Television Collection 1960-1977
Shout! Factory

Whether fondly reminiscing or introducing a new generation to this goofy glasses-needing cornball, Mr. Magoo is a wealth of innocent animated fun. Gathering all three series together for this 11-disc box set, The Television Collection is a true opus of fun, boasting 30-plus hours of sticky situations.

Television

The Big Bang Theory, Seasons One To Four
Warner

Catching on faster than a malicious meme, this sitcom has turned two unlikely nerds into modern day heroes ... when we can understand their intellectual jargon. This mega-box set is fleshed out with actor-on-actor interviews, a focus on song creators The Barenaked Ladies and a gag reel, creating 48-plus hours of Einstein-worthy hilarity.

Horror

Friday The 13th: The Ultimate Collection
Paramount

No, it's not exactly in keeping with the holiday spirit, but even horror hounds deserve something this season. Heeding the call, The Ultimate Collection delivers with splatter film star Jason Voorhees and all 10 of his Friday The 13th flicks served up in a gruesome package. Bolstered by expanded editions, a book and a life-sized replica of the slasher's trademark hockey mask, this collection is as cool as it is creepy.

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Tips to simplify shopping

- It's easy to feel overwhelmed this time of year, but you can survive the chaos
- Here are some tips on how to tackle your holiday gift list and shop like a pro

Are you overwhelmed at the prospect of tackling your holiday gift list? Here are a few tips to help put your fears to rest and conquer that list like a pro:

1 Get gifts that are personal. Start by making a list. Write down who you are shopping for and then list their interests. This will help you narrow down gift ideas and ensure success.

2 Avoid spending time on wasteful items, such as a card for every present. Print personalized labels at stickeryou.com and put them on everything from presents to wine bottles to your holiday baking. This will save you both time and money.

3 Find gifts that can be enjoyed by the whole family. If you have four family members on your list, cut it down by settling on one gift they can all enjoy together.

This can include a board game, a DVD set, even a craft. For example, StickerYou.com has a product called Make + Print Your Own Stickers. It offers packages of 40 to 110 stickers that make for a fun craft project.

Mom can make family address labels, dad can come up with funny bumper stickers, and the kids can design name stickers for all their gear.

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THE SMARTPHONE MARKET

ANDROIDS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD

There's a lot of talk that Google's innovative mobile platform Android is becoming the number one smartphone platform in the world. And for good reason.

Earlier this year, Google announced that 400,000 new Android devices are being activated every day. That adds up to about 200 million Android devices in use around the world today!

In Canada, comScore, a measurement firm, also recently reported that Android doubled its share of the smartphone market between June to September. And, research company Gartner Inc. says Android represents 52.5 per cent of the worldwide smartphone market.

So what makes Android so successful?

First, the operating system is not tied to a specific manufacturer, so there's a wide selection of devices for consumers to choose from. Mobilicity, for example, carries Android smartphones made by HTC, Nokia and Samsung.

There are also a wide range of price points, from super affordable smartphones, such as the ***Samsung Galaxy Mini ($169.99 at Mobilicity)***, to more premium-priced phones like the ***Samsung Nexus S ($349.99 at Mobilicity)*** and ***HTC Amaze 4G ($549.99 at Mobilicity).***

Here's what else makes Android's appeal so wide-reaching:

KEYBOARDS

Choose from both touchscreen and touch/QWERTY models. Some Android smartphones even come with handy keypad apps, like Quicktype by Swype, which comes pre-installed on the Samsung Galaxy Mini. It lets you quickly "swipe" from letter to letter to form a word rather than having to tap on each touchscreen key — making sending texts and emails a breeze.

CUSTOMIZATION TOOLS

Android makes it easy to set up the device to your liking. The intuitive TouchWiz on the Samsung Galaxy Mini, for example, lets you customize your home screen with widgets.

GOOGLE SERVICES

Android smartphones have smooth and easy compatibility with all Google services, including the free Google Navigation with turn-by-turn instructions, YouTube, Google Search and many others. With Mobilicity's unlimited data, you can access these features as often as you need to.

APPS GALORE

There's a never-ending supply of apps — 320,000 free and paid apps at the Android Market; or you can download apps from other sources to customize your Android the way you want it!

VOICE ACTIVATION

The free Voice Search app lets you search your phone, the web and nearby locations, by speaking into the device instead of typing. For example, you can tell your Samsung Nexus S smartphone what to send by text message — and it will. Now that's smart.

MEDIA

Android makes it easy to load and play music and movies, with support for most common video file formats. Cameras range from the 5-Megapixel camera with autofocus and LED flash on the Samsung Nexus S to the 8-Megapixel HD camera and bonus 2-Megapixel front-facing camera on the HTC Amaze.

FOUR TO EXPLORE

Samsung Galaxy Mini is a great quality Android at an affordable price. Its 3.14-inch Touch Screen with Touchwiz technology makes the interface highly responsive to touch. The 600 MHz processor supports Flash video.
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"After 24 hours, I love the HTC Panache," states a customer review on howardforums.com. "It's a well-built machine. If you need a phone that has an excellent screen, and is fast, check out the Panache." The powerful Panache offers the best of style, function and innovation. It has interactive camera effects, a built-in flashlight (via the LED camera flash) and it can turn into a portable Wi-Fi hotspot.
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Samsung Nexus S made techradar.com's 10 Best Android List — and no wonder. The first Android Gingerbread 2.3 phone features a 1 GHz processor, 16GB of internal memory and a 4-inch curved glass multi-touch display.
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HTC Amaze 4G — just released — rings in the holidays with a large, 4.3-inch vibrant LCD touch screen, two cameras and 1.5 GHz dual core processor for fast web browsing, downloading and true HD video viewing.
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YELP

Yelp is a fun way to find and talk about great (and not so great) local businesses like restaurants, bars and shops; also spas, live shows and galleries. The whole idea is to preview places you're considering and see what other people think of them before you go to potentially save you time and money on a place that might not be up to par. ***Free***

KEEP IN TOUCH

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WHY ANDROID?

If you're thinking about getting a new smartphone and having a hard time choosing which platform to go with, here are some things to consider:

LOTS OF CHOICE **Android phones are made by different manufacturers, which means there's a wider range of devices available than with other platforms.**

FITS ANY BUDGET **Android devices start at an affordable no-contract price of $169.99 at Mobilicity.**

LARGER SCREENS **Screens on Android smartphones are not limited to the 3.5 inch size found on some platforms — in fact, Android displays range up to 4.5 inches in size.**

DOUBLE THE MEMORY **Androids don't just have internal memory; there are options for external memory, too.**

NOTIFICATION **Android phones have a convenient notifications bar, not multiple pop-up notifications.**

FLASH! **Android smartphones support Adobe Flash — which makes for a better web experience!**

Throwing a perfect holiday party

Celebrate the season with a glittering open house for family and friends that's also easy on the hostess

YLVA VAN BUUREN
FOR METRO

The holidays are a wonderful time to hold a party for family and friends.

An open house lets your guests double-book if they have to during this busy time of year, says Robyn Green, Kai Event Management, Vancouver.

And an open house is also easier for the hostess ... you can prepare many foods and nibbles ahead, space out serving them, and wander about and visit with guests.

Planning is the most important part, says Greta Podleski, co-author of The Looneyspoons Collection and other cookbooks.

COMSTOCK IMAGES/THINKSTOCK

Planning an open house party is easy for the hostess since you can plan many foods and nibbles ahead.

FOOD

Stick to hot and cold appetizers and a couple of desserts. "Three hot appetizers, three cold appetizers and two desserts/sweets should be plenty of variety," says Podleski. "Make some, buy some" is a good strategy — "but always present premade, store-bought food in pretty bowls or on decorative plates."

For the day of, write out a prep schedule. "I even write down when I'm getting into the shower and getting dressed for the party," says Podleski.

BAR

Keep it simple ... beer, wine and a couple non-alcoholic beverage choices.

DECOR

A metallic (silver or gold) colour theme will help make your event glitter.

Use silver or gold runners and napkins on your buffet table. Clear glass containers filled with sparkly ornaments look pretty and festive. Fill a large, shallow silver bowl with pomegranates and tuck evergreen sprigs or holly berries between the fruit. Make a wreath for the front door by attaching silver bells to a circular form.

The finishing touch: Use edible gold flakes to rim champagne or wine glasses, sprinkle on desserts or even put in ice cubes.

GIFTS

Ask guests to help you fill stockings for the homeless by bringing gifts such as wool mittens or socks and food items.

THE PODLESKIS' NEW COOKBOOK, THE LOONEYSPOONS COLLECTION, IS AVAILABLE AT INDIGO.CA.

Mixed-Up Meatballs

Appetizer-size turkey meatballs with cranberry-orange barbecue sauce.

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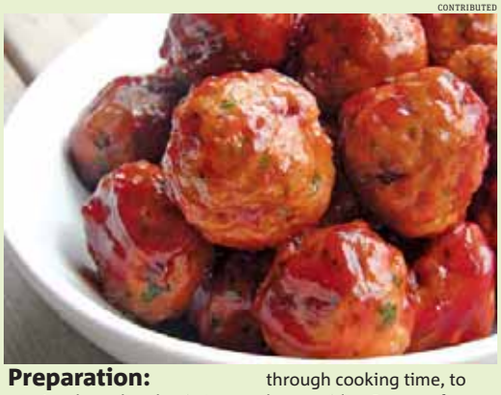

Ingredients:

Meatballs

- 1½ lbs (680 g) ground turkey or chicken
- ½ cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
- ⅓ cup finely minced or grated onions
- ¼ cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp each garlic powder and dried marjoram
- ¼ tsp each salt and freshly ground black pepper

Sauce

- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) jellied cranberry sauce
- ¼ cup hickory or chipotle barbecue sauce (smoky)
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp grated orange zest

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, mix together ground turkey, bread crumbs, onions, parsley, egg, garlic powder, marjoram, salt and pepper (using your hands works best). Form mixture into bite-sized meatballs, about 1 to 1½ inches in diameter. You should end up with about 45 meatballs.

2. Place meatballs on a baking sheet that has been lightly coated with cooking spray. Bake at 400 F for 12 to 15 minutes or until cooked through. Stir meatballs once, halfway through cooking time, to brown sides. Remove from oven and transfer to a large pot.

3. In a small saucepan, combine cranberry sauce, barbecue sauce, lemon juice, soy sauce and orange zest. Cook over medium heat until cranberry sauce is melted and mixture is bubbly, about 5 minutes. Pour sauce over meatballs and stir gently until all meatballs are coated with sauce. Cover and simmer over low heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve hot. Makes 45 meatballs

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Be social, but also on your best behaviour

The social holiday party is generally such a pleasure compared to the office party, but, yet, there are some simple guidelines that are important to follow to help ensure you have a great time and still hold your head up proudly at your kid's next soccer game!

Like any party, RSVP as soon as you get the invitation and never arrive early — fashionably late (15 minutes) is a good thing.

If appropriate, bring something like a box of chocolates, homemade cookies, a bottle of wine or a potted plant, favourite book or present for fido the dog, but never bring cut flowers, as this puts a burden on the hostess to have to arrange them at the last minute.

If you are going to drink, make sure you make arrangements ahead of time on how you are going to get home — taxi, transit, or a non-drinking friend.

Now the perfect hostess will try to mingle to make sure everyone is having a good time, but the good guest should also make an effort to mingle and not sit in the corner with a group or monopolizing a guest just for themselves.

Don't be the last guest to leave, and if you see your host is all by themselves without help, always offer to do something in the kitchen or at the bar.

Myself, I love to be the barman if I don't know anyone at the party — this gives me something to do, and I get the opportunity to meet everyone. This has been a successful technique for me in the past and helps in getting to know people while having a great time at a social party where I didn't know many people.

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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❄ Getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour should be avoided at your office holiday party. Being known as the office clown is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time next year.

Don't be the talk of your office party

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Oh, yes, the annual office holiday party! This can either be a disaster waiting to happen or an opportunity for business success.

First and foremost, despite the name, a holiday party is still a business function and getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour is out. Remember, these are your working peers and bosses, and being known as the office clown from the annual holiday party is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time the following year!

So keep the number of alcoholic drinks under control. I like the rule of two alcoholic drinks at a cocktail party and three alcoholic drinks for a sit-down dinner. Try to pace these out by having a non-alcoholic drink between each alcoholic beverage.

Keep your conversation pleasant. You can talk about a large number of items and, in fact, the best lesson to learn if you are nervous about what to talk about is to read Metro from cover to cover the morning of your party. Why you ask?

Because this gives you a bunch of topics to talk about that are all current and relevant. What not to talk about always remains the same in a professional environment. Never talk about politics or religion.

It is important to make a point and mingle, greet and acknowledge all of the senior members of your company at the party.

Finally, last but never least, have a good time and enjoy yourself; this will be evident to everyone around you.

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New conference not easy

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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One of the biggest stories of the week in the NHL has been the announcement of a groundbreaking realignment of the league next year, pending the expected approval of the Players' Association. How does the shakeup affect the Oilers? Tough sledding for the near future, that's for sure.

Edmonton is slated to join Vancouver, Calgary, Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Jose, Phoenix and Colorado in an eight-team conference that essentially becomes the West, though names for the brackets have yet to be determined (How about the Gretzky Conference? He did play for two of the squads and coached a third).

Four teams will make the playoffs from each section and based on the franchises above, Edmonton is on the outside looking in. Vancouver, Los Angeles, San Jose and Phoenix are all ahead of the Oilers in either points or stature.

The Oilers are ahead of the curve right now in terms of rebuilding, but the new alignment may delay the gratification of seeing Ryan Nugent-Hopkins or Taylor Hall enjoying playoff hockey for the first time in their nascent NHL careers.

In terms of filling seats — not exactly a problem in Edmonton to begin with — the new conference is great. You get several hated Canadian rivals, plus old Smythe pals from Los Angeles and a similarly youthful team in Colorado.

Ironically, Edmonton's best chance for making the playoffs in the next couple years might come at the expense of the Coyotes. If Phoenix is sold and moved east, as has been widely believed for years now, the new West conference would become one of the seven-team brackets in the NHL, with the Coyotes joining the Northeast/Florida fold. Two of the most likely destinations for the Desert Dogs are Quebec City or Toronto, where they would be the second team in the city next to the Maple Leafs.

The latter is a distinct possibility and should not be dismissed (sorry, Nordiques fans!).

Geographically, Edmonton couldn't have improved its lot with realignment, but the Oilers don't suffer much more either. The Flames, Avs and Ducks all look like teams Edmonton can beat in the standings in the near future, so the basement will be reserved for someone else for once.

As for the post-season, maybe this year isn't such a bad time to make a push — anything can happen in the playoffs, it's just a matter of making it in.

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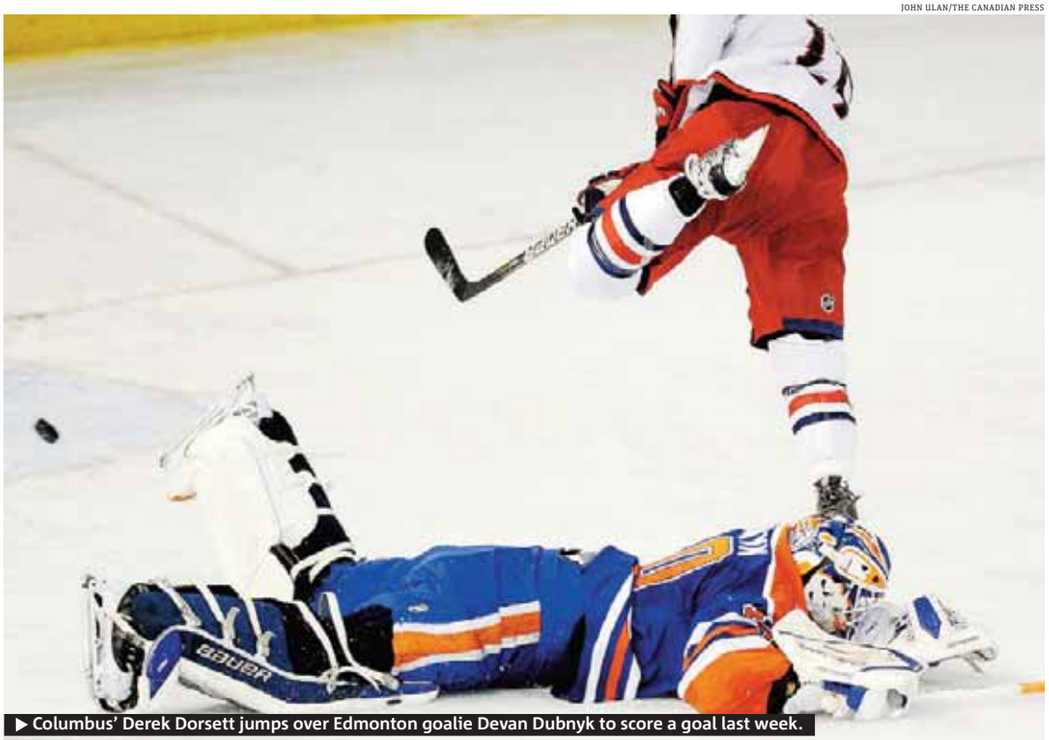

▶ Columbus' Derek Dorsett jumps over Edmonton goalie Devan Dubnyk to score a goal last week.

Sutton tossed

Oilers defenceman Andy Sutton has been suspended indefinitely by the NHL for his hit on Carolina Hurricanes forward Alexei Ponikarovsky.

- The incident occurred in the third period of Edmonton's 5-3 loss to the visiting Hurricanes on Wednesday night.
- Sutton has been offered the option of an in-person hearing with the league, the NHL said Thursday in a statement on its website.
- Sutton, a six-foot-six, 245-pounder, has three points and 50 penalty minutes in 16 games this season.

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Oilers preview

Colorado at Edmonton
7:30 p.m., Friday
TV: TSN

Edmonton (13-12-3) hosts the Avalanche (13-15-1) who lost 3-2 in Calgary Thursday night. Colorado needs to find a way to generate offence without Paul Stastny (torso), who was injured Sunday against Detroit. Without him, the Avalanche lost 6-0 to Vancouver on Tuesday, snapping a three-game winning streak. Ryan Wilson (head) was injured against the Canucks when Max Lapierre hit him from behind and is unlikely to play.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	27	17	7	2	1	96	79	37	7-4-1-1	10-3-1-0	7-3-0-0	W4
d-Florida	28	16	8	1	3	80	69	36	6-2-1-3	10-6-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Boston	27	17	9	0	1	89	56	35	10-6-0-1	7-3-0-0	7-2-0-1	L2
Pittsburgh	29	16	9	2	2	88	72	36	8-2-2-0	8-7-0-2	5-4-1-0	L2
NY Rangers	25	15	6	1	3	73	58	34	7-2-0-2	8-4-1-1	6-3-0-1	L2
Toronto	28	15	10	2	1	89	90	33	6-4-2-1	9-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Buffalo	27	14	11	1	1	76	74	30	6-8-1-1	8-3-0-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Ottawa	29	13	12	2	2	90	101	30	7-5-0-1	6-7-2-1	4-3-2-1	L2
Washington	27	14	12	0	1	84	87	29	9-4-0-1	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
New Jersey	27	14	12	0	1	70	78	29	6-4-0-1	8-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Montreal	29	11	11	2	5	72	76	29	4-5-2-4	7-6-0-1	2-3-2-3	L2
Winnipeg	27	12	11	3	1	77	83	28	8-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	7-2-1-0	W3
Tampa Bay	28	12	14	0	2	73	91	26	7-4-0-0	5-10-0-2	3-7-0-0	W1
NY Islanders	26	9	11	4	2	59	82	24	6-6-3-0	3-5-1-2	4-3-2-1	L1
Carolina	30	9	17	2	2	77	104	22	5-9-0-2	4-8-2-0	3-7-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	28	18	7	2	1	71	61	39	10-4-1-0	8-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Chicago	29	17	8	1	3	96	90	38	8-2-0-3	9-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	W1
d-Phoenix	28	15	10	1	2	76	72	33	6-5-1-1	9-5-0-1	5-5-0-0	L1
Detroit	27	17	9	1	0	82	61	35	11-2-1-0	6-7-0-0	8-2-0-0	W1
Vancouver	28	17	10	0	1	93	70	35	8-4-0-1	9-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	W3
St. Louis	28	16	9	0	3	70	62	35	10-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	6-2-0-2	W2
Dallas	26	15	10	0	1	69	72	31	9-4-0-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	27	13	10	2	2	62	61	30	8-7-0-1	5-3-2-1	5-4-1-0	L2
Nashville	28	13	11	3	1	74	77	30	4-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	3-6-1-0	W1
San Jose	24	14	9	1	0	68	58	29	7-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Edmonton	28	13	12	0	3	79	76	29	8-5-0-2	5-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Calgary	28	13	13	1	1	70	80	28	7-5-1-1	6-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Colorado	29	13	15	1	0	77	87	27	7-9-0-0	6-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Anaheim	28	8	15	2	3	65	92	21	6-9-1-0	2-6-1-3	2-7-1-0	L1
Columbus	28	8	16	1	3	68	94	20	5-7-1-1	3-9-0-2	4-3-2-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Vancouver 4 Montreal 3 (SO)
Calgary 3 Colorado 2
New Jersey 5 Ottawa 4 (SO)
Florida 2 Boston 0
Tampa Bay 3 N.Y. Rangers 2 (SO)
Nashville 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
St. Louis 4 Anaheim 2
Chicago 3 N.Y. Islanders 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 3 Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 5 Phoenix 2
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Dallas at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Carolina 5 Edmonton 3
Washington 5 Ottawa 3
Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 4 (OT)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Montreal at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.

DEVILS 5, SENATORS 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Ottawa, Michalek 18 (Spezza) 6:31
2. Ottawa, Foligno 10 (Cowen, Greening) 17:45
Penalty — Sykora NJ (double high-sticking) 11:54.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Alfredsson 7 (Karlsson, Spezza) 9:41 (pp)
4. New Jersey, Parise 8 (Henrique) 14:59 (sh)
Penalties — Tedenby NJ (holding) 8:03, Sykora NJ (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:49, Neil Ott (tripping) 11:56, New Jersey bench (too many men; served by Palmieri) 14:02.
Third Period
5. New Jersey, Zubrus 8 (Elias) 2:59 (sh)
6. New Jersey, Tedenby 1 (Clarkson, Larsson) 9:08
7. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 8 (Parise, Henrique) 9:45
8. Ottawa, Winchester 2 (Phillips, Alfredsson) 19:55 (sh)
Penalties — Winchester Ott (fighting), Carter NJ (roughing, fighting) 1:57, Foligno Ott (goaltender interference) 6:00, Konopka Ott (instigator, fighting, misconduct), Fraser NJ (fighting) 10:56, Smith Ott (slashing) 13:01, Michalek Ott, Carter NJ (roughing) 18:33, Karlsson Ott (tripping) 18:43.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout — New Jersey wins 3-2
Ott (2) — Michalek, miss; Spezza, goal; Alfredsson, goal; Rundblad, miss. **NJ** (3) — Kovalchuk, miss; Parise, goal; Elias, goal; Henrique, goal.
Shots on goal

Ottawa	9	7	11	2	—29
New Jersey	9	5	12	5	—31

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Auld (L,0-3-2); New Jersey: Brodeur (9-7), Hedberg (W,8-5-1)(start second)(20-18). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-6; New Jersey: 0-5.
Attendance — 13,743 (17,625)at Newark, N.J.

CANUCKS 4, CANADIENS 3 (SO)

First Period
1. Montreal, St-Denis 1 (Cammalleri, Plekanec) 4:38
2. Montreal, Diaz 2 (Pacioretty, Cole) 18:51
Penalties — Raymond Vcr (delay of game) 9:37, Subban Mtl (interference) 12:57, Gorges Mtl (cross-checking) 13:32.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Cole 9, 2:20
4. Vancouver, Raymond 1 (Hansen) 8:37 (sh)
Penalties — Kesler Vcr (hooking) 7:05, Wiese Vcr (goaltender interference) 12:48.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Hodgson 6, 4:24
6. Vancouver, Salo 6 (H.Sedin, Kesler) 15:20 (pp)
Penalties — Emelin Mtl (holding stick) 3:53, D. Sedin Vcr (goaltender interference) 4:11, Eller Mtl (cross-checking) 14:40.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout — Vancouver wins 1-0
Mtl (0) — Desharnais, miss; Pacioetty, miss; Cammalleri, miss; **Van** (1) — Hodgson, goal; Kesler, miss.
Shots on goal

Vancouver	13	5	10	3	—31
Montreal	7	10	5	1	—23

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,10-6-1), Montreal: Price (SOL,10-8-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 1-4; Montreal: 0-4.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

FLAMES 3, AVALANCHE 2

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Kostopoulos Cal (holding) 6:11, Landeskog Col (holding stick) 7:09, Winnik Col (cross-checking) 19:05.
Second Period
1. Colorado, Duchene 10 (Hejda) 15:15
Penalties — Hejda Col (double high-sticking) 1:03, Stempniak Cal (hooking) 9:34, Johnson Col (holding) 16:15.
Third Period
2. Calgary, Stempniak 8 (Morrison, Butler) 6:21 (pp)
3. Calgary, Glencross 8 (Morrison, Stempniak) 7:47 (pp)
4. Colorado, Galiardi 4 (Hejduk) 9:58
5. Calgary, Jokinen 8 (Iginla, Glencross) 15:10
Penalties — Galiardi Col (double-high-sticking) 4:35, Yip Col (interference) 15:46.
Shots on goal

Colorado	10	15	10		—35
Calgary	4	5	9		—18

Goal — Colorado: Giguere (L,4-4-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,13-9-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Colorado: 0-2; Calgary: 2-8.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	16	20	36
Kessel, Tor	17	18	35
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	21	33
Toews, Chi	17	15	32
Lupul, Tor	13	19	32
Stamkos, TB	16	14	30
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	17	30
P.Kane, Chi	8	22	30
H.Sedin, Vcr	8	22	30
Weiss, Fla	11	18	29
Backstrom, Wash	10	19	29
Eberle, Edm	10	19	29
Pominville, Buf	9	20	29
Vanek, Buf	13	15	28
Fleischmann, Fla	12	16	28

Last night's games not included

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152	238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	254
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287	289
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393	269
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333	277
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

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WEEK 14
Last night's result
Pittsburgh 14 Cleveland 3
Sunday's games
All times Eastern
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.
New England at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

SKIING

WORLD CUP

MEN'S SLALOM

At Beaver Creek, Colo.
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:50.20
2. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:50.34
3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 1:50.68
4. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 1:50.90
5. Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 1:51.05
6. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:51.06
7. Patrick Thaler, Italy, 1:51.07
8. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:51.13
9. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:51.24
10. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:51.26
11. Stefano Gross, Italy, 1:51.49
12. Wolfgang Hoerl, Austria, 1:51.67
13. Ted Ligety, U.S., 1:51.70
14. Jens Byggmark, Sweden, 1:51.78
15. Brad Spence, Calgary, 1:51.79
16. Markus Vogel, Switzerland, 1:51.88
17. Julien Cousineau, Lachute, Que., 1:51.98
18. Mario Matt, Austria, 1:52.02
19. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:52.09
20. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 1:52.12
21. Leif Kristian Haugen, Norway, 1:52.15
22. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:52.19
23. Christoph Dreier, Austria, 1:52.25
24. Markus Larsson, Sweden, 1:52.35
25. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:52.68
26. Giuliano Razzoli, Italy, 1:52.86
27. Bode Miller, U.S., 1:52.93
28. Steve Missillier, France, 1:52.94
29. Krystof Kryzl, Czech Republic, 1:53.39
30. Marc Berthod, Switzerland, 2:08.88

WORLD CUP SLALOM STANDINGS
(After 1 race)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 100 points; 2. Cristian Deville, Italy, 80; 3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 60; 4. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 50; 5. Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 45; 6. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 40; 7. Patrick Thaler, Italy, 36; 8. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 32; 9. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 29; 10. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 26.

WORLD CUP OVERALL STANDINGS
(After 8 races)
1. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 334 points; 2. Ted Ligety, U.S., 309; 3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 280; 4. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 268; 5. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 260; 6. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 227; 7. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 205; 8. Bode Miller, U.S., 203; 9. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 170; 10. Alexis Pinturault, France, 163.

GOLF

DUBAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Par 72
First Round

Peter Hanson	34-30—64
Paul Lawrie	32-33—65
Rory McIlory	36-30—66
Sergio Garcia	35-32—67
Ross Fisher	35-33—68
Robert Rock	35-33—68
Alvaro Quiros	33-35—68
Jaco Van Zyl	34-35—69
Shane Lowry	33-36—69
David Horsey	36-33—69
David Lynn	34-35—69
Thomas Aiken	34-35—69
Charl Schwartzel Africa	35-34—69
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	34-36—70
Hennie Otto	37-33—70

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired LHP Dana Eveland from L.A. Dodgers for LHP Jarret Martin & OF Tyler Henson. Designated RHP Willie Eyre for assignment. Selected LHP Andrew Loomis from Philadelphia & INF Matt Sweeney from Tampa Bay in Rule 5 draft. Sent INF Greg Miclat to Texas to complete trade for C Taylor Teagarden.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Selected LHP Cesar Cabral from Boston and LHP Thomas Melgarejo from the L.A. Dodgers in the Rule 5 draft.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Reached tentative understandings, pending physicals, with 1B Albert Pujols and LHP C.J. Wilson.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Daniel Turpen from Colorado to complete the Kevin Slowey trade. Selected RHP Terry Doyle from the Chicago White Sox in the Rule 5 draft.
N.Y. YANKEES—Acquired LHP Cesar Cabral from Kansas City for cash considerations. Selected RHP Brad Meyers from Washington in the Rule 5 draft. Released OF Greg Golson.
TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned INF Greg Miclat to Frisco (Texas). Selected LHP Fabian Williamson from Oakland, OF Efrain Nunez from Seattle and INF Alex Buchholz from Cincinnati in the Rule 5 draft.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Selected INF Gabe Jacobo from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Selected LHP Robert Fish from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
CHICAGO CUBS—Selected INF Ricky Alvarez from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Selected RHP Rhiner Cruz from the N.Y. Mets in the Rule 5 draft.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Harang on a 2-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Selected OF Erik Komatsu from Washington and LHP Barrett Browning from the L.A. Angels in Rule 5 draft.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Selected INF Michael Wing from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Selected C Beau Seabury from Colorado and RHP Matthew Buschmann from San Diego in Rule 5 draft.

FOOTBALL

CFL

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Re-sign defensive backs coach Orlondo Steinauer and offensive line coach Steve McAdoo.

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS—Placed K Rian Lindell on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Edmonton D Andy Sutton indefinitely for his hit on Carolina F Alexei Ponikarovsky in a game on Dec. 7.
MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled F Jeff Taffe from Houston (AHL). Placed F Devin Setoguchi on injured reserve.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Matt Carkner from Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Activated D Michal Rozsival from injured reserve.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled F Blair Jones from Norfolk (AHL).

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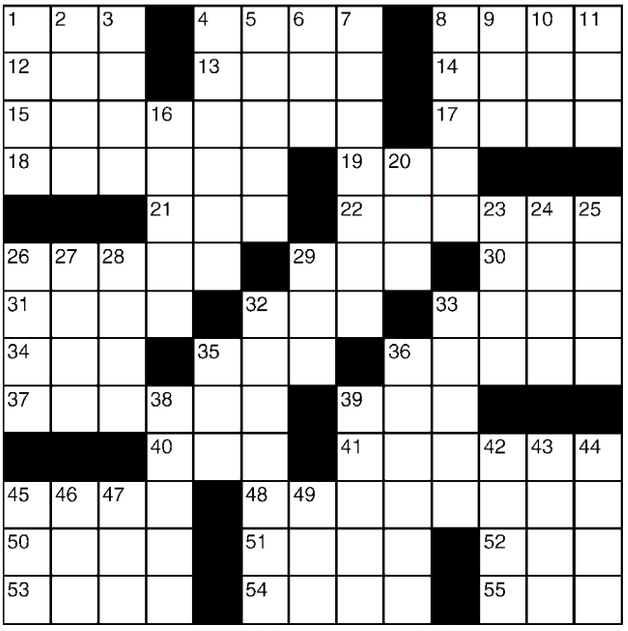

Across
1 Pickle holder
4 React in horror
8 Anything but that
12 Past
13 Concept
14 Stroll
15 Medium-sized dog
17 Without acting
18 To-do list
19 Every last crumb
21 Stimpy's cartoon pal
22 Lassie, e.g.
26 Pavarotti's range
29 A mere handful
30 Toss in
31 Nerve cell process
32 Carte lead-in
33 Turned blue?
34 Gas stat
35 Wall climber
36 Deep-voiced singer
37 "French" dog
39 Shriner's chapeau
40 "— the fields we go ..."
41 Anti-elderly prejudice
45 Satchmo's genre
48 Large terrier
50 Burn soother
51 Pesky insect
52 Silent
53 Night light?
54 Tackles' teammates
55 Crony

Down
1 — Pinkett Smith
2 Quite enthusiastic
3 Judicial garb
4 Construction piece
5 Madison Avenue worker
6 Vast expanse
7 Cure-all
8 Dungaree, for one
9 Owned
10 Under the weather
11 Heavens
16 Company that went under in 2001
20 Depressed
23 Pringles competitor
24 Bad day for Caesar
25 Taro root
26 Pack (down)
27 World's fair
28 "Forget it"
29 Aviate
32 Mean
33 In a stupor
35 — -de-France
36 Sires
38 Doughnut shop purchase
39 Capacitance measure
42 Poetic foot
43 Insult
44 Note to self
45 Van Eyck or Vermeer
46 Milwaukee product
47 Menagerie
49 Hostel

▶ Yesterday's answer

H	E	A	L		R	E	D	O		F	O	P
I	L	I	A		A	T	O	P		A	M	A
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Sudoku

		7				8		
	5		8		3		7	
1	2						3	9
		4	9		7	3		
6								1
		3	1		6	7		
3	9						4	6
	4		5		2		8	
		2				5		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	9	1	8	4	2	5	6	7
6	2	4	5	3	7	1	8	9
8	7	5	1	9	6	3	2	4
4	3	7	9	1	8	6	5	2
5	6	9	4	2	3	7	1	8
2	1	8	7	6	5	9	4	3
1	4	2	6	7	9	8	3	5
7	8	6	3	5	4	2	9	1
9	5	3	2	8	1	4	7	6

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mikeyy,Happy anniversary! 39 months & more to come :) Thanks for always being there. You're the best. I love you so much! xox **BABUH**

Honeeey Bee, youre everything to me. youre my best friend, my lover, my shouldeer to cry on, my kawaii, my baby &my secret keeper. i know i can count on you for anything <3 i cant wait to see what thee future has instore for us. i love you &i mean it when i say it. xo. **LOVE BUG**

My darling, Prince Charming, I am happier and stronger now that I know for sure that I'm in your thoughts and dreams and that you really love me as I am in spite of the big gap between us! Next Wednesday you have to add one more candle! I bless the day I met you, you are the one that I am waiting for my whole life! love you, **C.L.**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -13°	Min -6°	Min -9°
Max 6°	Max -2°	Max -4°

Michele McDougall
Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Travel will be a lot of fun today but if you overdo it, tomorrow's lunar eclipse will bring you back to earth!

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Inner changes are making you rather touchy at the moment but, as always, the moment will pass.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're in an assertive and adventurous mood, but some people may see you as too domineering.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The approaching eclipse has got you in a bit of a tizzy. You may have to lie down for a bit to get your balance!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will be enthusiastic about something you discover today but don't get carried away and preach to people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may lose patience with someone you work with today, but they are not being obstructive for fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You're in one of those moods when you'll do anything for anyone. If not careful, you'll be taken advantage of.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A financial opportunity will intrigue you, but is it the kind of thing you want to get involved in long-term?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may fall heavily for someone today, but don't get carried away because this is a passing fancy.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Certain duties may be tiresome but if you tackle them now, then your time will be your own.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The approaching eclipse will bring more tension into your life but you have what it takes to handle it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Family squabbles of one kind or another are likely over the next two or three days. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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